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1	Figures 1-18		
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As between these six groups, Applicants provisionally elect Group 2 (Figures 19-34C) and the readable Claims 1-13, 21-40 and 54-66. Should the Election be made final, Applicants expressly reserve the right to represent the non-elected species (Claims 14-20, 41-53, and 67-73) in divisional applications, if necessary.

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